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TAGS: OSCI, TPHY, TBIO, TS

SUBJ: ONR/SFCP MENINGITIS VACCINE PROJECT

REF: STATE 162753

1. MISSION DOES NOT THINK SUBJECT PROJECT SHOULD BE UNDER-TAKEN. WHILE WE HAVE NO POLITICAL OBJECTIONS TO PROJECT, WE THINK IT OF MARGINAL UTILITY. WHO CHIEF IN TUNISIA SAYS THAT WHO DOES NOT REGARD MENINGITIS AS POSING SERIOUS THREAT TO TUNISIA. THERE WAS MINOR OUTBREAK LAST YEAR, BUT THIS WAS ISOLATED. WHILE THERE IS SOME INTEREST WITHIN TUNISIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN RECEIVING ASSISTANCE IN TYPING OF STRAINS AND TRIAL OF VACCINES THE COUNTRY DOES NOT CONSIDER THIS HIGH PRIORITY ITEM. EVEN THE NAVY IN ITS PROJECT PROPOSAL ADMITS THAT THIS PROJECT HAS LOW PRIORITY.

2. WITH RAPID DECREASE IN SFCP FUNDS, SEEMS MORE LOGICAL TO US TO FOCUS ON PROJECTS WITH HIGHER PRIORITY. THESE PROJECTS SHOULD BE OF DIRECT BENEFIT TO US AND AT SAME TIME ASSIST TUNISIA IN COPING WITH ACTUAL PROBLEMS RATHER THAN POSSIBLE OR POTENTIAL ONES. WE DO NOT THINK MENINGITIS PROJECT FITS THESE CRITERIA.  
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